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TO YOU?



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\$1,600 will buy two lots in Esquimalt
Town.
\$1,100 will buy a lot in Discovery or Her-
ald, or Chatham, above Douglas.
\$1,250 will buy one lot, eight roomed
house, North Chatham street.
\$75 down and mortgage of \$475 will buy
one lot on Parry street.

35 FORT STREET.

CHICKENS
Just received, a fine lot of Breeding
Poultry in Light and Dark Bra-
hmahs, Wyandottes, Bantams and
Leghorns. Crushed Bone and Bone
Meal.

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Table and Dessert Knives
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ON TERMS TO SUIT PURCHASER.

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treal.

A HUGE STRIKE.
Engineers on Great Lakes Have Decid-
to Tie Up Traffic.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 27.—As a result
of the refusal of the Lake Carriers' Asso-
ciation to grant the demands of the
Marine Engineers for additional help to
engineers of the railroads, the national
President, George Ulmer, this afternoon
declared a strike in force, affecting
1,800 engineers on the Great Lakes.

The action was precipitated by a letter received by Mr. Ulmer to-day
from James Corrigan, chairman of the
executive committee of the Lake Carri-
ers' Association, in response to an inquiry
asking what action, if any, the vessel
owners proposed to take in reference
to the engineers' demands.

Mr. Corrigan's letter stated that the
executive committee of the Lake Carri-
ers' Association did not consider the request,
and that he did not know whether they
intend to do anything, or when the engineers
will move again. Upon the receipt of
this communication, National President
Ulmer at once sent out telegrams to all
the lake ports, notifying members of his orga-
nization not to either assist in fitting out
boats, or to go on them after the
opening of navigation, until advised to the
contrary. Prominent vessel owners
to-day freely expressed the hope that
the engineers might succeed in tying up
trade until July 1, as it would result
in high carrying rates later, and thereby
insure a most prosperous year
for the owners. On the other hand,
President Ulmer declared that his
organization was not in better financial
condition than a long strength than at
present. The strike ordered effects all
members of the organization on passenger
as well as freight boats. It is under-
stood that fully 85 per cent. of the
engineers on the Great Lakes are mem-
bers of the organization.

FIGHTING LEGISLATORS.

Czechs and Pan-Germans Fight in the
Austrian House.

Vienna, Feb. 27.—Herr Schoenherz
was prominent in creating disturbance
in the Reichstag to-day, and then the
young Czechs resorted to obstruction,
making speeches in their own tongue.
The Pan-Germans protested and invaded
the Czechs' bench. The result
was a fierce fistfights fight. Eventually
the President succeeded in making it
known that the session was suspended.
Before the room could be cleared, however,
the rival members again started a
fierce battle, and blows were again ex-
changed.

UNEQUALLED FOR BREAKFAST

TRADE MARK

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ROLLED OATS

The Brackman-Ker Milling Co., Ltd.

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Olympia Beer

The Best Imported Lager

Victoria Agent:

W. A. WARD,

BANK OF MONTREAL BUILDING.

We are showing moving pictures of
the great Hoboken fire this week at The
Searchlight.

GERMAN ESTIMATES.

More Money Asked For Expense of
Operations in China.

Berlin, Feb. 27.—The supplementary
estimates were presented to the bunde-
rat to-day. They ask for an additional
120,682,000 marks on account of China,
of which 100,200,000 are for the army,
and 17,500,000 for the navy. The
memorandum of the government says
the objects of the expedition are un-
changed. The intervention of the powers
has produced a slow but steady im-
provement of the situation in China.
Large military undertakings are no
longer necessary, but small expeditions
are operating to restore order. It is
not permissible at present to reduce the
German forces owing to the military
pressure which may be necessary in
further negotiations relating to the
indemnity. For this reason the main-
tenance of the expedition is provided until
January 31, 1902, though part or the
whole of the forces will be withdrawn
before then. The sum of 100,000
marks is provided to acquire more
ground around the German legation.

EIGHT HOURS.

Bill to Restrict Work in Mines Passes
Second Reading.

London, Feb. 27.—The House of Com-
mons to-day, after a lengthy debate,
passed the second reading of the bill re-
stricting the work of miners to eight
hours daily, by 212 to 210 votes. The
bill is private measure. The oppo-
nents of restriction of hours of labor in-
sisted that such action would enormously
increase the price of coal. Sir Alf-
red Hicks said to-morrow during the
past year had had an object lesson of
the effect on trade of dear coal. The
British government had to buy bridges
in the United States for Uganda, Egypt
and Burma. The railroads bought
raids in the United States, and even coal
had to be imported into this country. In
the United States miners produced 50
per cent. more coal than they did in Eng-
land, not because they were more skil-
ful, but because they worked ten hours
per day.

The Day at
The Capital

A Discussion Over Tenders for
Building Government Vessels.

Encouragement of Military Shoot-
ing and Formation of
Rifle Clubs.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—There was an un-
ited discussion to-day in the house
over the motion by Col. Prior for the
production of copies of the tenders re-
ceived by the department of marine for
the construction of four government ves-
sels. Sir Louis Davies said the papers could
not be brought down at present as the
contracts were not signed. One of the
tenders, the Albian Iron Works, had
withdrawn last week. Replying to Sir
Hubert Tupper, Sir Louis said that no
deposits had been asked from the ten-
ders. The motion for the production of
the papers was negatived.

Dr. Horsey to-day introduced a bill
to make May 24 a public holiday.

The election in North Bruce takes
place on March 20.

The militia department will not ac-
cept more applications for enlistment in
the South African constabulary, as the
number already exceeds all require-
ments.

The commissioner of the Mounted Po-
lice has requisitioned for a force to keep
United States whalers in check in the
Mackenzie river district.

The council to-day elected the old one.

It has decided that no individual
man should go to Bisley more than twice
in four years.

In the course of an address before the
association to-day the Governor-General
said he recommended the consideration of
the declaration of war to the Canadian
people.

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Over 900 Men's Suits to be
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To-Day, To-Morrow and Saturday.

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To-Day, To-Morrow and Saturday as Strictly Half Price Days For Men's Suits

and every other article in the store will be sold at Cost Price. Bear in mind that this offer is only good for three days ending Saturday. Therefore come early to avoid being disappointed as this may be the only chance of a lifetime.

WHAT THIS MEANS:

Every \$ 8.00 Suit for three days only \$4 00
" 10.00 " " 5.00
" 12.00 " " 6.00

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" 16.00 " " 8.00
" 18.00 " " 9.00
" 20.00 " " 10.00

THE MAMMOTH

III Government Street,

VICTORIA, B. C.

The Fire on The Willapa

Can of Kerosene Upset and
Took Fire Damage Not
Great.

Uncharted Northern Inlets Examined and Named—Coal
at Cape Caution.

Two steamers arrived yesterday from Nans and way ports of the North. The Boscowitz in the morning and the Willapa in the evening, via Vancouver and Ladysmith. With the arrival of the Willapa it was learned that the explosion or fire which occurred in the engine room of that steamer was by no means as serious as reported last night. Never for a moment did Capt. McCoskrie think of abandoning the vessel, as the report stated, and he says the damage will not be great, not reaching the hundred figure by a long way, much less the thousands. A can of kerosene upset in the engine room and ran on the shaft, the friction of the revolving ring shaft setting the oil on fire. The fumes which rose coming in contact with another light exploded. In less than five minutes the fire had been extinguished, but not before the coil of the dynamo had been burned, and for the remainder of the down trip the steamer was without electric light. The damage to the dynamo was the only damage done other than some slight damage to the woodwork near by. This occurred as the steamer was leaving Kitkatlah and going into Odgen Sound.

The Willapa took several miners to Prince Royal Islands, and Capt. McCoskrie took occasion to examine the uncharted inlets of the west coast of that island, which if the mine pays, as it now promises, will be well known to all who will be on the outlet of the sea by which the ore will be shipped. The miners there told of assays that had been made running as high as \$200 to the ton. Capt. McCoskrie has given names to the two inlets located there, the former one having already been named Stryker inlet, after the wife of Capt. Whiteley, of the Boscowitz, who explored it. The others have been named Tyre and South Surf inlets. Each are from ten to twenty miles long, with a waterfall at the head. None have been surveyed and not one is to be found on any of the charts now issued. They all have deep water, seem free from rocks and have no reefs.

The Willapa was at Kitkatlah during the funeral ceremonies attending the burial of Chief Shakes, which was attended by a great gathering of Indians. After the pollack which followed the election of Ed. Gamble to replace the late chief, the Indians went halibut fishing. No further news was brought concerning the drowning accidents reported in another column. Government Agent Flewin, who since his trip to Dundas Island to investigate the wreck of the Klone, has had an attack of pneumonia, from which he was recovering, has received a letter from J. Pike, a cannery man of Point Roberts, identifying the

dead man found in the wreck as his brother.

Among the passengers on the Willapa were H. Morrison and son, who for some time past have been working a coal property located by them at Cape Caution. They report having struck a thirty-inch seam of good anthracite coal. A. W. Low, a mining expert, returned after having made an examination of an iron claim for Hy. Saunders of this city, at Rivers Inlet. He reported that the find was a promising one, the mineral being good. The work of putting in a tunnel, however, had been lost, the workmen having driven it unsuccessfully. W. Skilkin, the well known Port Essington cannery man, came down with his wife and Mr. Green returned from his cannery at Rivers Inlet. Another passenger was G. Heater, who has been manager of the Georgetown saw mill.

The steamer brought down 190 cases of claims from S. H. Pearce at Kitkatlah for Wilson Bros., furs for the Hudson Bay Company, and general cargo, consigned to the following: E. G. Prior & Co., A. Gray, Brunswick Cannery Co., J. H. Todd, C. Hawkins and Mr. W. Schauke.

NEW YUKON FLEET.

Capt. Waldo Preparing to Take North Steamers Brought from C. P. R.

The building, or re-building, of the fleet of river steamers when the White Pass & Yukon railway has determined to have ready on the upper Yukon for the opening of navigation, means considerable business to Victoria. As will be recalled, the railway has purchased from the C. P. R. four of the fleet of river steamers built in 1898 for the Stikine river. The vessels are the Dawson, which has lain in the C. P. R. shipyard at Vancouver ever since it was built, and the McConnell, Ogilvie and Hamlin, which have been tied up at Wrangell. The Dawson is now being prepared for the trip north and will be launched and towed north about the beginning of next week by the tug Pioneer. The tug will call at Wrangell and take one of the other boats, and while she makes the trip be prepared and launched ready for her when she comes back to Wrangell.

In connection with the above, it may be mentioned that Mr. J. H. Greer, local representative of the road, announced that he has received the new freight tariff for 1901, which shows reductions of a very substantial nature, varying from \$8 to \$20 per ton on different commodities. For the first time, the road issues a classified tariff, and only now is it really more than a road under construction. Nevertheless, Mr. Greer points out that they have never issued a new tariff without making substantial reductions, and it is the policy of the company to enter into the needs of the people doing business in the North in such a manner that they can easily afford to carry out their enterprises profitably by means of as fair transportation rates as it is possible to give. The new freight tariff is calculated on dead weight, and not on measurement basis.

DANUBE GOES NORTH.

The Skagway Liner Carries a Large Number of Passengers.

The steamer Danube sailed last night for Skagway, carrying an average amount of general cargo and with every stateroom filled. She had a large passenger list, including several parties bound North. The largest was the telegraph construction party of 45, under J. B. Charlson, who embarked at Vancouver to-day, and will leave the steamer at Port Simpson, Dr. and V. Troughton, R. E. Elliott, and E. Roselli made a party of minors bound to Atlin. Other passengers were W. Pyrd, A. Gussfield, J. McKenzie, J. Maher and J. Hepburn.

BOSCOWITZ SAILS.

Carried Tinplate, Lumber and General Supplies to Cannery Points.

Steamer Boscowitz, which arrived yesterday morning from the North, did not remain long in port. After loading 7,000 feet of dressed lumber for Findlay, Durham & Brodie at Sayward's mills, some general freight at Spratt's wharf and a large quantity of tin plate ex ship Ida at the outer wharf, she sailed again for Nans and was

last night. She was in charge of the following commissioners: Capt. Whiteley who has recovered from his recent illness, which prevented him from making the voyage when the steamer returned yesterday. A number of passengers went North by the steamer. The lumber taken up is for the building of a cannery to replace that destroyed by fire on the Skeena at the close of last season.

MARINE NOTES.

The longshoremen of the port have amalgamated. A union has been formed and a common scale of wages has been fixed by the men thirty cents per hour for day work, and forty cents for night Sundays. Some 80 or 90 members have been enrolled, and an attempt is being made to secure rooms for the association over the Seamen's Institute, on Store street.

H.M.S. Warspite, flagship of Rear-Admiral Bleakford, commander of the North Pacific fleet, will sail for the South on Saturday. She will call at Honolulu en route south. She has had a trial trip and her engines are now found to work most satisfactorily. The flagship will be back about Skagway.

Merchants and manufacturers here are directly interested to the extent of over \$200,000 of business, for all possible supplies are being bought in British Columbia, and all the men engaged here. The vessels are now Canadian register, and will remain so after being re-built. They will form the nucleus of a fleet which the company will run on the river in connection with their railway, which has now the right to claim status as a completed line, in view of the completion of the cantilever bridge in January being the last link in their through connection from Skagway to White Horse.

If the Stewart river platers continue to develop, there will be vessels built for that trade also, so that the company will have facilities equal to any demands on its powers of transportation.

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Many improvements are being made to the wharves in the upper harbour. At Grant's wharf, next to the Eller bridge, of the wharf at the Victoria Machinery Depot and also at Sayward's mill, are being increased.

Tug Pilot, which, since she has been overhauled and repaired, is replacing the tug Czar in towing the Transfer barges between the Island and Mainland is giving great satisfaction to those in charge of the alterations to her, for since she has been at work she has made some two or three knots better than she did before. The larger boiler placed in her by the Albion Iron Works here, is the largest that firm has turned out. It is 14 feet 3 inches in diameter, 12 feet high, and weighs 37 tons. The Czar, now being overhauled at Spratt's wharf, is receiving new engines and new funnels, besides other alterations, the work being done by the Marine Iron Works of this city.

Steamer Patulka is now on the way to the Royal Roads. She has been chartered to load a cargo of lumber at Moodyville, and on the Sound for China or Russia, and is now on her way from Vladivostock. The steamers Tartar and Athaman of the C. P. R. are both being improved for the lumber trade, being altered to allow of their carrying larger timbers. Both are now loading for the Orient.

Steamer Queen City is due from the West Coast.

PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.

Half Yearly Meeting Held at Nanaimo on Tuesday Last.

The usual half yearly meeting of the Presbytery of Victoria was held in St. Andrew's church, Nanaimo, on Tuesday last.

The following were present: Revs. A. Fraser, Dr. J. Campbell, W. L. Clay and D. MacRae, Victoria; T. R. Wilson, South Wellington; W. B. Cumming, Nanaimo; E. G. Taylor, Alberni, and Thos. Menzies, Comox. Among items of business of more general interest, the following may be noted:

A resolution of condolence on the recent mine disaster at Cumberland, with a strong commendation of the fund for the relief of widows and orphans to the sympathy and generous support of the congregation under the presbytery's care. Favorable reports on church life and work, Y.P.S.C.E., Sabbath schools, etc., were presented and necessary action taken. Rev. Dr. G. Bryce, Winnipeg, was now voted for moderator.

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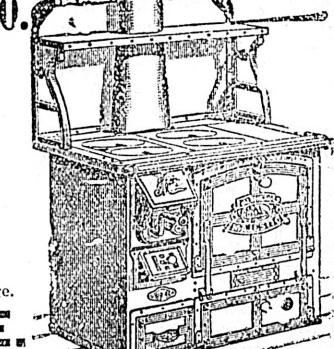
WE HAVE IN DRIED AND PICKLED FISH—Finnan Haddock, Labrador Herring, Mackerel, Hotland Herring; Codfish, Quail on Toast, Blowers, Salmon, Salmon Belches, Halibut, Black Cod, Kippers and Blowers.

CANNED—Salmon, Herrings, Herrings in Tomato and Shrimp Sauces, Preserved Blowers, Mackerel, Mackerel in Mustard, Eels, Smoked and Pickled, Russian Caviare, Carpibus, Finnan Haddock, Fresh Herrings, Dibby Chicks, Shrimps, Clams, and all kinds of Fish Paste; in fact anything in the fish line to tempt the appetite.

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Tea 10
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Vancouver Sugar, 17½ lbs for 1.00
Pratts Astral Oil 1.35
Naval Oil, one doz 10
Ideal Cream Soda, 1 lb 20
Prescott's Enameline 3 fo 25
DON'T FORGET THE PLACE

Tenders, properly sealed, endorsed and addressed to me, are accepted, and will be delivered at 3 o'clock p.m. on Monday, March 4th, for Five Water Tanks and frames to be made and furnished in accordance with specifications and sketch which may be seen in the office of the undersigned.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT.

Purchasing Agent for the Corporation.

City Hall, Victoria, B. C., February 25th, 1901.

RESERVE, GRAHAM ISLAND.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Crown Lands on Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Group, are reserved, until further notice.

W. C. WELLS,

Cheif Commissioner of Lands and Works

Lands and Works Department,

Victoria, B. C., 30th Jan., 1901.

Tenders are required for the erection of a

large frame addition to an Hotel at Field

for the C. P. R.

Plans and specifications can be seen at

the office of F. M. Rattenbury, Architect,

after Thursday, Feb. 28, between 3 and 5

p.m.

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14th next. The lowest or any tender not

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sult the Night Editor.**BARRIERS TO PROGRESS.**It has frequently been pointed out
that one of the barriers to the full and
speedy development of mining in this
province is the unreasonable price asked
by so many prospectors for their dis-
coveries. This is a matter upon which
legislation is, of course, out of the question.
If a man finds what he thinks is
a mine, he has a perfect right to ask
what price he pleases for it. All the
legislature has a right to say is how
long he shall hold his discovery with-
out developing it. We are not writing
in the hope of bringing about any
change in the law in this respect, but
only to endeavor to promote a better
appreciation of the mistake of holding
for extravagant prices. A gentleman,
who has had a good deal to do with
placing British Columbia properties, said
to the Colonist recently that he found
two principal barriers to progress in this
line, one of them being what we have
just mentioned, and the other the un-
certainty of the public as to what the
legislature was going to do with the
law.Speaking on the first point, all we can
hope to do is by frequent reference to
what we regard as mistaken policy on
the part of prospectors, to lead them to
see how much better it is to sell for a
good profit, than to hold a property in
the hope of realizing a fortune out of it.
If a prospector wishes to retain an in-
terest in his discovery, he can usually do
that. Indeed, we are inclined to think
that the man who is willing to retain
an interest stands rather a better chance
of selling in most cases than one who
wishes to sell outright. A willingness
to keep an interest is at least a guar-
antee that the discoverer thinks his prop-
erty is worth something. Moreover, it
is worth something. Moreover, it is
true of mining that there are as good fish
in the sea as ever were caught, and if a
miner can make a handsome profit out
of one discovery and get some one to go
and develop it for him, while he looks
for something else, he stands a chance
of benefiting himself much more than
he would by sitting down and trying to
sell any undeveloped property. We
know that all this is hackneyed, but it is
too often lost sight of, just the same,
and it will do no harm to remind people
about it.In regard to changes in the laws, and
especially those relating to the taxation
and operation of properties, it would be
a very excellent thing if the legislature
could reach something like a finality
and then let matters rest until the mining
industry had made something like sub-
stantial progress. A day or two ago a
gentleman said that he thought the
policy of the government in regard to
mining ought to be to pass such laws as
the members want. We dissent from
any such view. The legislation should
be what the government thinks the
industry requires for its best development
in the public interest. Individual mem-
bers of a legislature may, for one reason
or another, prefer something which is
not in the public interest. They may
not always be the best judges of what
the country demands. They may take
local views of the question. They may
be prejudiced in certain directions. It is
the duty of the government to determine
what the law should be and to do every-
thing in its power legitimately to secure
its passage. We make these observa-
tions, because we are quite well aware
that some members of the house think
the manner in which questions of this
kind should be dealt with is to take
them up in caucus and let the majority rule.
The proper way is for the govern-
ment to take the responsibility of
legislation, and while members are al-
ways at liberty, just as the general pub-
lic are at liberty, to suggest amend-
ments, they should be prepared to cast
the responsibility of the legislation upon
the government. It is only in this way
that good laws can be framed. The
provincial government appreciates the
need for wise and permanent legislation.in connection with the mining industry,
and members ought to refrain from at-
tempting to force the adoption of views
which are local, sectional or experimental.
Let the house unite in an en-
deavor to pass, if possible, such amend-
ments to the mining law as will make it
possible for persons contemplating in-
vestment in this province to feel that
they can reasonably hope that what is
upon the statute book is permanent. As
one investor said, it is better to take
chances in the ground than in the legis-
lature. A man can always stop develop-
ment if the showing is bad, but there is
no way of stopping a legislature which
is bent on tinkering with the law. So
we hope that, instead of individual mem-
bers of the house endeavoring to intro-
duce their peculiar notions into the pro-
posed amendments to the mining laws,
they will content themselves with making
their suggestions publicly and urging
them with all their force, while placing
the responsibility of deciding if they are to be adopted upon the
shoulders of the government, where it
properly belongs. In this way only can
we hope to have good legislation. The
government will undoubtedly do its utmost
to amend anything in the mining
laws that may call for change, and we
hope in the interests of this very important
industry, that the introduction of
promised amendments will not be made
the occasion of an attempt to experiment
along untried lines.**FINISHED PRODUCTS.**The fact that the minerals of British
Columbia are shipped out of the province,
either in the form of crude ore or
else in matte, is a very serious thing
and calls for consideration in the proper
quarter. We are not aware of anything
which the local houses can do to bring
about the turning out of finished products,
although it might be possible to discover
something. As the duty of
legislating in regard to trade and com-
merce rests with the federal authorities,
it is right to urge the question for con-
sideration at Ottawa. At present we
only receive in this province the minimum
advantage derivable from our
mines, and if it is possible to devise any
means whereby the manufacture of
finished products can be brought about,
very great good will unquestionably result.
We may add that our copper
now is finished in the United States,
which is a copper-exporting country.
Surely the people of Canada can sell
finished products anywhere in the open
market alongside the people of the
United States, when the raw material
of those products can be produced here
as cheaply as there. We are able to do
it in lumbering and dairying, and ought
to be able to do it in mining.**HOME INDUSTRIES.**A Colonist advertisement appears in
this morning's paper, and we want to
direct particular attention to it. The
Colonist is not complaining that it does
not receive liberal patronage from the
people of the city, because it does re-
ceive it, and these remarks are only
meant to illustrate a general principle.
The large pay roll of this company plays
a considerable part in the business of
the city, and practically every dollar of it
is paid out here. If the people pay
money into the Colonist, the Colonist
pays a very large part of it back to the
people. Of course we do not purchase
paper and ink here, but it must be re-
membered that in addition to the pay
roll there are large outlays, all of which
go to residents of Victoria. What the
Colonist is doing other concerns are also
doing, and we submit to the people
generally, if in making their expen-
ditures, they ought not to patronize
business concerns in the city. There is
always a temptation to send away for
things that can be bought abroad more
cheaply than here, and we should be
sorry to deny any one the privilege of
buying goods where he wants to. At the
same time it is very bad policy for the
people of a community to spend money
abroad for what is produced at home
equally well. This idea ought to be kept
to the front. We are not pleading for
a policy of non-intercourse with other
places, but only for what we regard as
a sound principle in political economy,
namely, that people should spend their
money among those who spend
their money with them.**STREET SPRINKLING.**Alderman Williams brought up the
matter of street sprinkling at the meet-
ing of the City Council on Monday
night. This is a matter of very great
importance. The actual financial loss
resulting from an imperfect system of
sprinkling must be very considerable
during the year, and it falls largely upon
retail merchants. We shall say nothing
of the discomfort and actual inconveni-
ence caused the public. It will be ad-
mitted that the plan of sprinkling the
streets in the day time with fresh water
is not a success, and it also seems to be
conceded that night sprinkling with salt
water would be very much more advan-
tageous. The objection to the latter
plan is said to be the initial expense.
Alderman Williams is of the opinion
that by utilizing the power at the
city electric light station and by erect-
ing a reservoir on Wharf or store street,
the cost can be kept down to a very
reasonable sum. If this is the case, the
City Council would do well to look into
the matter.It may be that Kitchener arranged a
coup for the anniversary of the battle
of Majuba Hill, but we are a long way
out in our reckoning, if the general will
wait for any particular day to strike a
final blow at the Boers. He will hit
when he is ready, irrespective of the al-
manac.We direct attention to the fund for
the relief of the sufferers by the Union
Colliery disaster, which has been openedby the Colonist, and has already assumed
promising dimensions. We shall be
glad to receive subscriptions in any sum.
Particulars as to the needs of the case
will be found by reference to another
column.Considerable opposition is developing
to the Manitoba railway deal, but we
fancy it will be adopted by the house
just the same.Corporations have no souls and mighty
little patriotism. This is apropos of
certain palaver now running through the
press about the superior loyalty to Can-
ada of certain combinations."Jim Hill once hood potatoes," ex-
claims an admiring contemporary. We
do not know how this is, but there is an
impression abroad that the said James
has been hoeing his own row success-
fully for some time past. And his is
not a case of "small potatoes and few
in a hill," either.We print a letter in reference to the
Quesnel and Stuart Lake road. The
writer pleads for a slight road only,
which he thinks will meet the necessities
of the district at present. If the
government feels able to expend more
than will be required for such a road, he
would like it to be used towards getting
a railway. There is a good deal in
what he says, and we have no doubt
that the Commissioner of Lands and
Works will give it due weight.Complaint has been made to the
Colonist that the mail for the Sound
closes at 6:30, whereas the steamer
does not sail until 7:30, and if this is the
case we think there is good cause for
complaint. The Sound mail is a very
important one, and the hour at which
letters are delivered is the cause of great
inconvenience. To reply to a letter from
the Sound by return mail is now
impossible, no matter how early in the
afternoon the steamer gets in. We do
not want to be understood as finding
fault with anyone, but the present ar-
rangement is not satisfactory, and it is
the Colonist's duty as a public news-
paper to say so.The editorial paragraph in yesterday's
Colonist in regard to the Maternity
ward of the Jubilee hospital was written
under a misapprehension of the
facts. The ladies, who are moving in
this matter, have not the slightest wish
to interfere in any way with the pro-
posed Paardeberg Memorial, but have
simply taken up the proposed ward as
their next work. They are not going to
canvass for subscriptions, but will re-
sort to the means, hitherto so successfully
employed, to secure the necessary
funds. The Hospital was itself founded
in commemoration of the Jubilee
year of the reign, and the Children's
ward was founded in commemoration of
the Diamond Jubilee. The ladies think
that as a Maternity ward is much re-
quired, its establishment ought to be
undertaken, and that it might properly
be associated with the memory of our late
sovereign. To all this not the slightest
exception can be taken, now that it is
understood that the work is not in riv-
alry of any other which the citizens have
in hand, and the collection of funds is
expected to cover so long a period that
it ought not in the least to militate
against the South African Memorial.Any person desiring a copy of this by-
law or the necessary forms for use by
Dairymen and Milk Vendors may obtain
same at the City Clerk's office or from the
undersigned. By order,

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Notice to Dairymen and
Milk VendorsNotice is hereby given that from and
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sions of the "Milk Vendors' By-Law" will
be enforced, and all persons interested are
hereby requested to govern themselves ac-
cordingly.Any person desiring a copy of this by-
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vation placed on Crown lands situated in
the Bear Lake and Alsek Mts., and in
parts of Cassiar District, notice of which
was published in the British Columbia
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W. O. WELLS,

Chief Commissioner of Land and Works
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Men's Plaid and Striped Socks.....15c pair

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Ladies' Lisle Thread Hose, lace ankle 35c pair

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Discussing The Speech

(Continued from Fifth Page.)

He felt satisfied that when the government brought down the measures outlined in the Speech from the Throne, that there would not be a member in the house who would be in a position to conscientiously oppose them, and he was confident that those measures would be wisely framed in the best interests of the province. (Applause.)

Mr. Neill, Alberni, regretted that some members of the government had not taken occasion to explain in more detail the measures outlined in the Speech from the Throne. He was heartily in accord with the intention of the government to recognize the services of the South African soldiers, but he thought that as many of them were not farmers, nor willing to adopt an agricultural life the government might, instead of gifts of land, give those who desired it, a sum of \$100 in cash.

A strong feeling had arisen in the province over the introduction of Chinese and Japanese in metalliferous mines. Precautions had been taken to protect coal miners from the dangers arising from the employment of ignorant Asiatics, and the same measures should be taken to guard all classes of miners.

He could not agree with the member for New Westminster in accusing the government of maladministration in the department of public works; his experience was just the contrary. The works had been carried on more satisfactorily under this government than under the two previous ones. He thought the system of exacting a cash deposit with tenders for public works, which in many cases was a hardship, should be changed. It ought to be sufficient to insist upon adequate bonds. The due performance of the work, the system of road work might also be altered with advantage by changing the time to the spring and early summer. He would also suggest an alteration in the rate imposed on timber. The same rate should not apply to rough lumber as to the finer qualities.

It would be welcome news to his constituents to learn that the government was taking steps to secure a reduction of freight rates. True rates existing at present to West Coast points were practically prohibitive.

He did not agree with the extreme statements regarding New Zealand railways, which had emanated from both sides of the house. He had lived in New Zealand and could assure the house that there were two sides to that question. Railways in New Zealand had been made a medium for political robbery, and useless roads were built all over the country to suit the ends of members of the legislature. The colony was plunged into hopeless debt, and suffered severely, not from the government ownership of railways, but from the abuse of that policy. (Applause.)

Alberni is greatly interested in the proposed railway to the north end of the island. The want of such a road is felt keenly by the miners, farmers and lumbermen, and will be regarded by all as the greatest boon the government could confer upon the district. He had been greatly impressed with the remarks of the member for East Yale on the subject of smelters. It was an important question in Alberni district, and sometimes the member was much desired. There was talk of establishing one there by private parties, but he hoped the government would be able to offer inducements to smelters and refiners, or even go as far as building them, as had been suggested by Mr. Green. (Applause.)

Mr. Hall (Victoria) resented the charges made against the government of partisanship in the appointment and dismissal of officials. As a Liberal, he could assure the house that the Minister of Finance had always acted in a spirit of fairness. He had never questioned a man's political creed when making an appointment, and if Turnerism represents that policy of fair play and justice to all, he was prepared to adhere to Turnerism to the end of the chapter. (Applause.)

He would strongly oppose the employment of Chinese in metalliferous mines, or in any other of the great industries of the country where intelligence and skill were required; their work should be confined to those manual offices for which nature had fitted them. (Applause.)

Mr. Stables (Cassiar) heartily congratulated the mover and seconder of the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, said that on two occasions he had had the honor of moving the address in reply, and each time he had been assured by the Hon. the Finance Minister that his speech was the finest ever heard within the walls of the legislature. He believed the honorable gentleman (laughed), and he now had the opportunity of judging of the excellence of his efforts when he heard that the speech of the member for West Yale was equal to anything which had preceded it. (Laughter.)

He considered the Kitimat & Yukon railway was so conspicuously in the interests of the whole Dominion that the Dominion government should give it substantial aid. He considered that the railway policy upon which Manitoba was entering as the maddest one ever entertained by a province, and he would regret to see British Columbia entertaining such a scheme. (Applause.)

Hon. Mr. Wells, on rising to address the house, was greeted with a round of applause. He admitted his unwillingness to prolong the debate, were it not that he felt it imperative to refute the charges of honorable members opposite which somewhat reflected upon the administration of the department which he had the honor to control. These charges, if they could be considered as such, were of such a general character that it was a very difficult matter to deal with them, and had it not been for the timely rescue of the honorable member for Alberni, he would have been compelled to content himself with simply a flat denial of them which might not be satisfactory to the house. (Applause.)

He referred to the lateness in passing the estimates of the last session, owing to which there was a very serious delay in proceeding with the various works over the province, but he urged that at no time in the administration of the department had such an almost incredible amount of work been accomplished within a comparatively short season. (Applause.)

He congratulated the government on the proposed reduction of freight rates. Railways and fair rates of freight have been two factors in the prosperity of the province lacking in the past, but he hoped that the day was rapidly approaching when they would be supplied to every district. He considered that the railway to the northern boundary

should be a great boon to the people of the province, notably the Coast districts, made it difficult to cope with or satisfactorily proceed with the work during the winter season, the result being that it had to be deferred, but in any case, where through inadvertence, any serious delay had been suffered, to which his attention had been called, prompt action had invariably been taken in response to the complaints that were made. (Applause.) Reference had been made and exception taken to the existing timber regulations, as applied to the production of increased capital for the prosecution of that industry. Honorable gentlemen had certainly not familiarized themselves with the timber regulations of other provinces, for if they had, a comparison would convince them that the timber royalties exacted was not all proportionate with the duty in other provinces. He then dealt with the afternoon, comprising a part of the British Columbia Session, and finally contended that due provision had been made for the lumber interests contiguous to this railway, and that existing leases would be renewable upon the same terms as heretofore. This should be highly satisfactory news to parties interested in a renewal of their leases.

He then dealt with several matters to which his attention had been called by the honorable member for Alberni, including a reduction on different classes of tim-

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of the province was the most important of the railways proposed. He would like to have had more details of the proposal, and could await the government's announcement with interest.

Another part of the district of Cassiar which needed a railway was Porcupine.

He hoped no opposition would be given to the charter which would be asked for during the session.

He trusted that the proposed amendments to the Mining Act would meet the necessities of those whom they were intended to relieve. He heartily supported the suggestion of the member for Kaslo respecting government aid to smelters, and he would suggest that the government might profitably furnish the use of diamond drills to prospectors.

Mr. Stables drew attention to the importance of technical education in mining, and hoped the government would consider means to establish a school of mining. He would like to see a systematic exploration of the province undertaken by experts, under government control and supervision. (Applause.)

Reference was then made to the bill he proposed to bring down for the encouragement of the pulp industry. He was very glad to have such a consensus of opinion as to the merits of such a measure, but would defer any further remarks until his bill, which would be within the next few days. He complimented the honorable member for Cassiar in the highest terms upon his speech, and to that part of it particularly referring to the timber resources of his district. Before closing his congratulations were extended to the mover and seconder of the address, and the creditable manner in which they had discharged their respective duties, and hoped they would long continue to grace the legislature with their contributions of eloquence, as well as impart their tact and abilities in dealing with the legislation of the house. (Applause.)

Hon. Mr. Elberts moved the adjournment of the debate.

Mr. McInnes, replying to a question by Mr. Elberts, said the opposition would furnish names of members on that side for the standing committees on Thursday.

The house then adjourned till this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Hon. Mr. Turner, on Friday—that the speech of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the present session be taken into consideration on Friday next.

Mr. Nell, on Friday—that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to urge upon the Dominion government the necessity of immediate steps being taken to deepen the present channel of the Laramie river at its mouth, to permit the steamship service to be continued to the town of Alberni, as petitioned for in November, 1898.

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her, showing conclusively that while the government was disposed to grant some measure of relief, yet the dues now exacted must stand, as only a reasonable contribution to the revenue.

Reference had been made to certain reforms he was carrying out in his department, by which road construction and maintenance would show a marked improvement at the hands of Mr. Killeen, the new provincial road Inspector, from whom he predicted most satisfactory results, as a thoroughly practical and experienced man. A good deal of talk was being indulged in as to the political complexion of the new appointments, but as to that, he had not even taken it up, trouble he said, Mr. Killeen goes to what political stripe he longest; all that he did know was that the new provincial Inspector always expressed a devout admiration for Gladstone, and had voted for himself at the last general election, in both of which he evinced a remarkable degree of intelligence. (Applause.)

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Mr. A. W. Smith (Lillooet) added his praise to the mover and seconder of the address. The people of Lillooet were particularly interested in the question of transportation. They would like to have railways, but under present circumstances they would be satisfied with trails and wagon roads. The advent of the C. P. R. had brought freight rates down from 6 to 2½ cents, and he was a strong advocate of railways. He did not object to the Coast-Kootenay railway, but the district traversed was along a navigable river, while in the interior the people had not even trails to the mines. The government should, therefore, make an effort to deal fairly with Lillooet, which was being checked for want of transportation facilities.

An amendment to the mining laws with respect to hydraulic leases would be very desirable. The leasing system in its present form is not satisfactory to capitalists, and should be so amended as to give them crown grants of their ground under certain conditions.

He urged the government to give the subject of immediate steps being taken to deepen the present channel of the Laramie river at its mouth, to permit the steamship service to be continued to the town of Alberni, as petitioned for in November, 1898.

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SESSIONAL NOTES.

The press gallery is not the most desirable place in the house from which to follow the proceedings. The clerk of the house, who sits immediately beneath the gallery, is inaudible to the reporters, and unless a member speaks in full voice, many of his remarks are lost.

Much speculation is heard in the lobbies as to the government's railway policy. Some with interests being made, but as the members of the executive and those in their confidence maintain strict silence when the subject is mentioned to them none of the current rumors are deemed worthy of discussion or mention.

To Know La Grippe

The Symptoms and Dangers of the Deadly Epidemic Which is Driving so many to Beds of Sickness—Effective Treatment Described.

Chill followed by fever, quick pulse, severe pains in the eyes and forehead, and dull pains in the joints and muscles mark the beginning of la grippe. There is also hoarseness, inflamed air passages, and obstinate cough, furred tongue, distress in the stomach, and diarrhea. The one unmistakable feature of la grippe is the depressed spirits and weakness and debility of the body.

With the very young and very old, and with persons of low vitality, the dangers of la grippe are very great. Pneumonia of a violent and fatal form is a frequent result. It is also claimed that very many cases of consumption can be directly traced to la grippe. The after-effects of la grippe are most often felt in the nervous system. The extreme debility in which this disease leaves its victim is more than most nervous systems can endure—paralysis or prostration follows.

The most successful doctors advise their patients to avoid exposure to cold or over-exertion, and recommend both local and general treatment, such as Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, to strengthen and tone the system, and Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, to loosen the cough and protect the bronchial tubes and lungs from threatening complications.

Any honest and conscientious doctor will tell you that this combined treatment recommended by Dr. Chase cannot be surpassed as a means of relieving and curing la grippe, and restoring the weakened and debilitated body to its accustomed vigor. Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine is too well known as a cure for bronchitis and severe chest colds to need comment. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food seeks out the weak spots in the system and builds them up. It rekindles the vitality of persons weakened by disease, worry or over-exertion, and cannot possibly be equalled as a restorative and reconstructant to hasten recovery from la grippe, and to prevent serious constitutional complications.

He then dealt with several matters to which his attention had been called by the honorable member for Alberni, including a reduction on different classes of tim-

Lifting Rivers

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Northwest Rich in Other Minerals Than Gold—Indian River Conglomerates.

The Golden North seems to be in every way the home of more wonders than even that diamond factory at Vancouver could conceive of, according to news which reached here yesterday; rivers are now being cut up to bed rock, usually only from 10 to 14 inches below the bottom of the river. This ground is removed and rocked in same tent or cabin nearby, and usually yields from \$5 to \$7 per day to the rocker, all the gold being washed out. Some operators believe the ground is richer than gold, copper, silver, lead, quicksilver and tin deposits having, it is said, been found in various parts of the Northern treasure land.

On White river, Ladue creek and the headwaters of the Tana and Copper rivers some rich veins of copper ore are reported to have been found, while chunks of the native metal are common occurrences in the gravel deposits.

Silver and lead ores are not in great demand, though prospectors run across float and occasional veins of galena every once in awhile. Some wide veins of this ore have been found in the Granite mountains, just west of the Tana and Copper rivers, and the headwaters of the Stewart and Polley rivers.

About 200 miles up the Polley river there is said to be a big deposit of cinnabar ore, from which quicksilver is obtained. This ore is usually found in a formation of volcanic origin, like the quicksilver mines of Southern California and Spain, but the working out of these deposits has threatened the supply of new ones.

On many of the streams flowing into the Yukon grain and placed platinum are found, though no attempt has yet been made to save them. Platinum is heavier than gold and more valuable, selling at \$22 per ounce. It is reported as occurring in veins discovered back of Selwyn last summer by prospectors searching for copper ore.

Th mers occur up the Klondike river and as the product is worth from 30 to 33 cents per pound, the development of these veins will prove to be a good thing. Bismuth ore occurs in the Tana country in sulphide veins. It sells for \$1.60 per pound and is used in chemistry and the making of optical instruments. Iron and zinc ores are both reported to exist in the Rockies.

For many months no word had been heard in Dawson of the big quartzite conglomerates seen in the Indian river, and a Denver paper published an item, saying that claim owners had left the property and nothing was being done on the ledge. This brought out a letter from the discoverer, Donald McKinnon, in which he said that although in some instances some of the locators had sold part of their interests, the large majority still own their claims, believing that when sufficient development work shall have been performed the average values will induce the erection of mills operating not hundreds, but thousands of stamps, as the conglomerate is absolutely a free milling proposition.

Again, work has been done on the property since their discovery. Some eight or nine men have been constantly at work and are now firmly believing that that field will prove to be the great future producer of this great territory. In regard to values, the lowest assay that we have ever received was \$5 per ton up to \$12, but instances of \$200 per ton have been obtained and can be got again if desired.

Lindow creek, one of the headwaters of Bear creek, flowing in on the right limit, has been attracting some attention this winter. It is said to possess gold-bearing gravel pay to work in many places. The work is far from inconclusive, though showing gold. The miners who have studied the country say there is a pay streak somewhat on Lindow far better than the one found.

Weldy Young, appointed recorder at the record office to be established in the Clear creek district, and Malcolm Search, of the N. W. M. P., have left Dawson for that district.

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CHICAGO MARKETS.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Mar., 7½c; May 7¾c; Corn—Feb., 28½c; Mar., 39½c; Apr., 40½c; Oats—Feb., 24½c; May, 25½c.

TORONTO MINING QUOTATIONS.

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Toronto, Feb. 27.—The closing quotations to-day were as follows:

Asked. Bid.

B.C. Gold Fields 35s 25c

Black Tail 12 15c

Brandon and Golden C. 25 15c

Canadian G. F. S. 21½ 15c

Caribou McKinney 37½ 31½c

Centaur Star 1,611 150c

Centre Star 620 70c

Crow's Nest Pass. Coal 70,000 62,000

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Evening Star 7 45c

Goldie Star 3½ 25c

Giant 4 35c

Iron Mask 42½ 35c

Knob Hill 60 45c

Granby Smelter 47 45c

Greatland and London 5 35c

Morning Glory 3 25c

Morrison 8½ 70c

Noble Flye 4 25c

North Star 88 80c

Ironridges 80 80c

Olive 12½ 10c

Payne 47 40c

Rambler Caribou Con 31 25c

Rathbun 43 42c

Schem Souvenir 6 3c

War Eagle Con 28 25c

Waterloo 3½ 30c

White Bear 4½ 45c

Whinlapp 7 5c

Sullivan 14 12c

FORENOON SALES.

Golden Star—6,100 at 2½ (whd); 2,000 at 2½c. 1,900 at 2½c.

White Bear—500 at 4½ 2,000 at 4½.

Hammond Reef—1,000 at 1½.

War Eagle—5,000 at 4½.

AFTERNOON SALES.

White Bear—1,000, 1,000 at 4½; 1,000 at 4½.

Golden Star—500 at 2½; 250 at 2½; 250 at 2½.

Hammond Reef—1,000 at 1½.

California—1,000 at 4½.

Big Three—5,000 at 1½.

Republic—2,500 at 4½.

Caribou McKinney—500, 500, 500, 500 at 3½.

DAILY MARKET QUOTATIONS.

(Furnished by B. Williams & Co.)

New York, Feb. 27.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange to-day:

Open. High. Low. Close.

Ann Sugar 130½ 142½ 131 117½

Ann. C. 125 125 120 107½

G. C. 154 155½ 155½ 155½

C. M. & S. P. 154 155½ 155½ 155½

C. R. & Q. 144½ 145 144 144½

M. S. R. 117½ 117½ 116½ 117

R. I. & P. 123½ 121½ 122½ 123½

A. & S. P. 88½ 88½ 87½ 88

A. S. & W. com 43½ 44½ 43½ 44

B. & Q. 85 88 87½ 88

L. & N. 92½ 92½ 91½ 92½

Mon. " 88½ 88½ 87½ 87½

Con. " 45½ 48½ 47½ 47½

Ped. Steel 4½ 4½ 4½ 4½

N. P. com 7½ 8½ 8½ 8½

T. C. & I. 5½ 5½ 5½ 5½

W. & S. P. com 50½ 50½ 50½ 50½

Mon. " 86½ 86½ 86½ 86½

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Local News.

Locked Up.—Joseph Thornton, charged with indecent exposure, was locked up by the police last night.

Sent to Seattle.—The remains of Mrs. Isaac Rich, of Seattle, whose death occurred at St. Joseph's hospital, have been sent to Seattle by Undertaker W. J. Hanna.

Placing a Limit.—The police commissioners have decided not to accept applications for positions on the police force from men less than five feet eleven inches in height and over 35 years of age.

No Session.—The police magistrate was not called upon to assist in his seat in the city court yesterday, there being no cases requiring his attention. The street by-law cases had been laid over.

First Anniversary.—Yesterday was the anniversary of a day which was royally celebrated in Victoria—the anniversary of Cronje's surrender to Lord Roberts—which followed the gallant work of the Canadians who defeated the Boer leader a few days before at Paardeberg.

Was Re-molested.—Under the superintendence of T. C. Sorby, Messrs. J. Seil and H. Carruthers have reorganized the offices of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Victoria, and are placing fine modern fittings there. The work was begun on Saturday afternoon last after banking hours, and completed before banking hours on Monday.

A Night Attack.—Capt. Thomas Gunn, mate of the steamer Princess Louise, reported to the police last night that while walking between 10 and 11 o'clock on Menzies street, near Niagara, a man struck him on the head with a loaded stick, and then fled. Capt. Gunn has a nasty scalp wound to show for his encounter and describes his assailant as about five feet ten inches tall and wearing a skull cap and a brown suit.

Another Mine Deal.—J. P. Pearson, of Mount Sicker, is here negotiating a deal for the sale of his mine, the Copper Canyon, located on Mount Sicker, for which an American corporation is to pay \$30,000. The deal is expected to be completed within a few days. Mr. Pearson has also some rich property on Mount Malahat, near Shawnigan Lake, being between that body of water and

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Spaniard Arm. A rich ledge of copper ore, with thousands of tons in sight, has been uncovered there, and four men are at work there. Mr. Pearson is also superintendent of the iron mines of the Humber and Palmer, whose ore exceeds the values required for the manufacture of steel, and he reports that eight men are driving a tunnel there.

IN CHAMBERS.

Only One Application Dealt With Yesterday—List For To-day.

In chambers yesterday morning Mr. Drake granted the application for appointment of administrators for the estate of Louis Vigilant, deceased.

Mr. Alkan for the applicants.

This morning there are set for hearing the following applications:

Urquhart vs. Urquhart—For inspection of docks. Mr. Anderson for plaintiff; Mr. Mills for defendants.

Waterland vs. Greenwood—To extend time for appeal. Mr. Johnston for plaintiff; Mr. Lawson for the city of Greenwood, defendant.

Victoria vs. Bowes—To strike out part of statement of claim. Mr. Mason for plaintiff; Mr. Martin for defendant.

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